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Honolulu City Council
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RE: Support for Bill 50 on Second Hearing

Chair Kobayashi and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jennifer Hudson and I serve as the Associate General Counsel for Schnitzer Steel Hawaii Corp. I am writing today in support of Bill 50 - COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL CHARGES, supporting and promoting recycling activities.

Schnitzer Steel Hawaii Corp was formerly known as Hawaii Metal Recycling and is a leader in Oahu's metals recycling industry. We collect, processes and recycle metal, both ferrous (containing iron) and nonferrous (not containing iron). We are committed to the highest standards of environmental stewardship and support industry compliance with all applicable laws. Bill 50 would not only benefit the larger metals processors like Schnitzer, but would also benefit and support our hundreds of local customers, many of whom are small businesses, in their daily recycling activities.

As the Council has consistently recognized, recycling is critically important on our island. A disposal fee for recycling residue that recognizes this importance will help to promote metals recycling, thereby helping to ensure that unused cars and other debris are delivered to recycling dealers who are best equipped to handle it. Market forces have negatively affected the recycling industry over the past few years. Worldwide prices are at a six year low, yet the need for responsible handling and processing of recyclables remains steady, and operations costs continue to grow. A reduction in the disposal fee for recycling residue should help recyclers to weather the storm in a market that continues to experience significant headwinds. For that reason, we strongly support continued efforts to promote recycling.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony on this topic of great importance to the community.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Hudson
Associate General Counsel